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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION TO NIXON PARDON

1. IN TODAY'S CHINESE PRESS, FIVE NEWSPAPERS COMMENTED ON FORD'S PARDON EDITORIALLY. INDEPENDENT MING PAO AND PRO-ROC EXPRESS AND TIN TIN ALL BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF "ALL MEN ARE EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW." KMT-OWNED HONG KONG TIMES SAID THAT "FORD IS MORE TO THE LEFT THAN NIXON," AND HIS DECISION IS "A HASTY ONE WHICH HURTS HIS CREDIBILITY." PRO-PROC WAH KIU QUOTED OUR TRANSLATION OF MR. FORD'S STATEMENT AND SAID THAT THE ACTION WAS TAKEN FOR THE SECURITY AND INTEREST OF THE NATION. LEFT WING PAPERS HAVE ONLY REPORTED BRIEFLY ON PARDON, USING WIRE STORIES.
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